COUNTY OF YORK MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 10/25/05)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Transportation Enhancement Grant Endorsement – Watermen's Museum

The Watermen's Museum is preparing a grant application (summary attached) to request funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program administered by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation. This is the same program through which the County has received several grant awards to support the Yorktown Revitalization efforts. The Museum is proposing a \$675,000 project which, under the minimum 20% match requirement of the Enhancement Program, would necessitate an investment of at least \$135,000 in funds provided by the Museum.

Transportation Enhancement Program guidelines require that applications submitted by a non-profit organization be "sponsored" by a government body/agency. The Watermen's Museum has requested that the County be the Project Sponsor for its 2005 application (just as it was for the Museum's unsuccessful 2004 application).

I believe that the improvements proposed by the Museum will complement the Board's efforts to revitalize the Yorktown waterfront. Reconstruction of the Museum's pier and the improvements to support facilities will complement its educational and interpretive programs and will be compatible with the Riverwalk extension.

I recommend that the Board agree to sponsor the Watermen's Museum grant application through the adoption of proposed Resolution No. R05-176.

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Attachments

- Watermen's Museum Grant Application summary budget
- Proposed Resolution No. R05-176